

and children with diabetes. The paper was by far one of the most interesting and enlightening one that was given to the San Joaquin County Medical Society for some time, and the members greatly appreciated the talk and were vitally interested in the subject.

#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**Santa Barbara County Medical Society** (reported by A. C. Soper Jr., secretary)—The regular meeting was held Monday, June 11, at Cottage Hospital, President Means in the chair. Guests present were James F. Percy and William H. Kiger of Los Angeles, Paul of the County Hospital, Lenker of San Bernardino, Interns Koetter, Cryst, and Isaacs.

James F. Percy of Los Angeles gave a paper on "A Consideration of the Modern Phases of the Treatment of Cancer." Discussed by Kiger, Ullmann, Pierce, Brush, Nuzum, Schurmeier, and Rexwald Brown.

#### SONOMA COUNTY

**Sonoma County Medical Society** (reported by N. Juell, secretary)—A meeting was held June 14 at Santa Rosa with twelve members present, thirteen absent, and three visitors.

Cuthbert M. Fleissner was admitted as a new member. R. M. Bonar delivered a very interesting address on the "Insulin Treatment of Diabetes."

#### STANISLAUS COUNTY

**Stanislaus County Medical Society** (reported by R. E. Maxwell, secretary)—The meeting of Stanislaus County Medical Society was held at Waterford, May 11, with the following members and their wives present: B. F. Surrhyne, J. W. Morgan, C. R. Finney, A. M. Field, E. F. Hagedorn, F. R. McKibbon, R. E. Maxwell, C. B. Benson, E. R. Reamer, R. S. Hiatt, E. R. McPheeters, G. Chipman, J. R. Hosmer, C. I. Bemis, Walter Smith.

J. K. Morris was elected to membership.

Following the dinner, Albert H. Rowe of Oakland gave an interesting paper on "Diabetes" with respect to its treatment with insulin.

On June 8 the society met at dinner at the Turlock Club, Turlock, with the following present: Walter Smith, F. J. Peter, E. R. McPheeters, J. K. Morris, R. E. Maxwell, E. F. Reamer, F. R. McKibbon, E. F. Hagedorn, C. E. Pearson, J. L. Collins, N. G. Chipman, C. E. Finney, B. F. Surrhyne, Albert Julien.

After reports of committees, Julian Wolfsohn of San Francisco gave a paper on "Sleeping Sickness or Lethargic Encephalitis."

**The Game of Psychoanalysis**—Of psychoanalysis it may be said literally, at least in one sense, that it is such things as dreams are made of. Some of us may be tempted to expand the sense of stuff to the significance of stuff and nonsense. But it is more moderate, and more exact, to say that this new scientific notion, like many such notions, divides itself into a smaller element, which may in a more serious sense be called stuff, and a much larger element which might more correctly be called stuffing. Psychoanalysis can no longer be dismissed as a fad; it has risen to the dignity of a fashion, and possesses all that moral authority and intellectual finality which we associate with a particular pattern of hats or whiskers. It stands now in the open street, visible to the man in the street, like some florid and magnificent tailor's dummy outside a tailor's shop. And it is borne in upon me, as a humble passer-by, that it is time that somebody kicked the stuffing out of it.—Gilbert K. Chesterton, the Century, May, 1923.

### Nevada State Medical Association

HORACE J. BROWN, M. D., Secretary Nevada State Medical Association, Associate Editor for Nevada

The next annual meeting of the Nevada State Medical Association will be held September 28, 29, and 30.

We are still anxious to hear from those of our members that wish to read papers at our annual meeting, and the secretary is going to be plumb discouraged if somebody doesn't speak up pretty soon. We feel sure that the meeting this year will be as successful as the one last year, and we look for a much larger attendance, but we would like to see the names of about twelve of our own members gracing the program. Every physician is entitled to an annual vacation, and they owe it to themselves, as well as to their patients, to take one. September 28, 29, and 30 will come at the best time of the year for you to get away, so why not plan to attend our meeting as a start for your vacation. We guarantee that any Fellow that comes to the meeting, and stays awake, will return home with a lot of new ideas that will make him more valuable to his patients. And it will probably sweeten his disposition so much that his wife will give up her intention of shooting him, and try to put up with his foolishness for another year. We hope that if your wife sees this she will ask to see your membership card, and if you haven't one for 1923 that she will make you send a check for \$5 to the secretary right away. We know you have good intentions, but they don't help the treasury any, and the old sock needs lots of replenishing in order to put over that barbecue picnic in the right style.

#### CHANGES IN THE HARRISON NARCOTIC REGULATIONS AND FORM 679

By Hugh O'Connor,  
Former Chief Deputy, Narcotic Division, First  
California Internal Revenue District

In accordance with Treasury Decision 3426, approved January 12, 1923, a change has been made in Article 117, which should be of special interest to physicians and druggists and which at the same time does away with a lot of needless worry on the part of the patient and his relatives.

The change has to do with the physician prescribing for an incurable disease such as cancer, advanced tuberculosis or any other of the diseases well recognized as coming within this class. It will be remembered that, under regulations heretofore existing, the prescribing physician was required to write upon the prescription the name of the incurable disease and any other historical data tending to throw light upon the use to which the contemplated purchase of narcotics was to be put. In other words, it required the doctor to write a death warrant on every prescription when called in to prescribe in any one of the cases of incurable diseases.

So, too, in the case of the attending physician prescribing for an aged and infirm addict, whose collapse from the withdrawal of the drug would result in death. In such cases the physician was wont to indorse upon the prescription that the patient is aged and infirm, giving the age, and that drug is necessary to sustain life.

But that was the old method and not infrequently tended to hasten the grief to a patient's immediate family, as well as to the patient himself, and acted as a continual reminder that the case was well nigh hopeless.

The more practical and up-to-date method is the one embodied and contemplated by the change outlined in Treasury Decision 3426. Under it the department permits the use of code to indicate the disease for which prescription is being made.